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NRC TO MEET WITH PROGRESS ENERGY OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS SAFETY PERFORMANCE AT BRUNSWICK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with Progress Energy officials on Monday, April 14, to discuss the results of NRC's annual assessment of safety performance at the Brunswick nuclear power plant near Southport, North Carolina.

The meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. in the Brunswick Media Center, 8520 River Road SE in Southport. The public is invited to observe the meeting, and NRC officials will be available before the conclusion of the meeting to answer any questions.

A letter from the NRC to Progress Energy addresses plant safety performance during the previous year and forms the basis for the meeting discussions. The letter indicates that, overall, Brunswick operated safely and that plant performance was at a level requiring no additional NRC inspection beyond normal baseline activities. The letter, which is available from Region II Public Affairs and on the NRC web site at

<u>www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/LETTERS/bru_2002q4.pdf</u>, says the NRC staff will also conduct inspections of the plant's implementation of NRC security advisories and Orders.

Current performance indicators for the Brunswick plant are available at www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/BRU1/bru1_chart.html and www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/BRU2/bru2_chart.html

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